

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A portable rating apparatus for rating media content, comprising:
2 a user-manipulable control dedicated for generating a signal indicating a rating of
3 the media content, the rating corresponding to one of a plurality of predefined categories of
4 preferences;

5 a processor, operatively connected to said user-manipulable control, for receiving
6 the signal from said user-manipulable control and for associating the rating with the media
7 content; and

8 a memory device, operatively connected to said processor, for storing the rating
9 associated with the media content.

10 2. The device of claim 1, wherein said memory device further stores the
11 media content and said processor receives the signal from said user-manipulable control as said
12 processor plays the media content stored in said memory device.

13 3. The device of claim 1, wherein the user-manipulable control includes a
14 switch having a plurality of depressible buttons, each of said plurality of depressible buttons
15 corresponding to one of said plurality of predefined categories of preferences.

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2 4. The device of claim 1, wherein said user-manipulable control includes a
3 multi-position switch movable among different positions, each of said positions corresponding to
one of said plurality of predefined categories of preferences.

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2 5. The device of claim 3, wherein the multi-position switch includes a
pivotal lever.

3 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the user-manipulable control is attachable
to a portion of a headphone and the processor and the memory device are attachable to a media
player.

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2 7. The device of claim 1, wherein said portion of a headphone includes a
headphone cord.

